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1. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE SESSION,
SO FAR AS IT WENT, PC-VI WAS A GENERALLY SATISFACTORY
MEETING IN TERMS OF US OBJECTIVES. FOLLOWING ON SS-7
AND IN CONTRAST TO THE PC MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 1974
WHICH PRECEDED THE LIMA CONFERENCE THE ATMOSPHERE WAS BY
AND LARGE RELAXED DESPITE PROBLEMS OF ACHIEVING FULL
AGREEMENT ON MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. THIS
APPRECIATION OF TH ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS ALSO VOICED
PRIVATELY BY A NUMBER OF G-77 MEMBERS IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING
THE SESSION E.G. INDIA, TUNISIA, MEXICO, ARGENTINA.

2. TENSIONS AT THE MEETING EXISTED RATHER BETWEEN
DELEGATIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO WAS BROADLY
CRITICIZED FOR THE "INFORMATION GAP" AND LACK OF
DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT AND PERMANENT
MISSIONS WHICH HAD DEVELOPED IN RESPECT OF THE
REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT AND THE HANDLING
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OF UNIDO'S PROGRAM/BUDGET FOR 1976-77. SUCH

CRITICISM WAS WIDESPREAD AMONG GROUP B AND D DELS (ALTHOUGH THE US INTERVENTION ON THIS POINT WAS "SOFTER" THAN THOSE OF MOST GROUP B REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE ED'S AUTHORITY IN THIS FIELD AND THAT IN IMPORTANT RESPECTS THE REORGANIZATION MADE SENSE). IT WAS LESS SO AMONG THE G-77 WHICH DID NOT SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON THIS MATTER. THE ED SIMULTANEOUSLY ARGUED THAT THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY DUE TO LACK OF INITIATIVE OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF MISSIONS (THIS WAS CHALLENGED BY GROUP B) AND ASSURED DELS OF HIS DESIRE TO ACHIEVE GREATER "TRANSPARENCY" IN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER COUNTRIES. BY THE END OF THE SESSION WHAT HAD THREATENED TO BECOME AN OPEN FEUD BETWEEN KHANE AND VARIOUS DELS HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLY DAMPENED DOWN.

3. AS REGARDS THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SENEGALESE PROPOSAL WHICH ORIGINATED AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE THESE WERE SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH AS REPORTED IN REFTELS A AND B EXCEPT FOR THE SPECIFIC REAFFIRMATION OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY WITH ITS ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, WHICH THE US (ALONE) VOTED AGAINST. ON FOLLOW-UP OF THE LIMA CONFERENCE GENERALLY, THE PC RECOGNIZED THAT MATTERS WERE AT AN EARLY STAGE AND CONTENTED ITSELF WITH LOOKING TO REPORTS FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND THE SECRETARIAT AT IDB-X. SPECIFICALLY AS REGARDS THE REWORKING OF UNIDO'S PROGRAM/BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR FOLLOW-UP OF LIMA, INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE STRATEGY, PC DISCUSSION WAS HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF THE DOCUMENT UNTIL THE LAST DAYS OF THE SESSION. USDEL, HOWEVER, DID PREPARE A SUBSTANTIVE INTERVENTION ON THE ORIENTATION AND CONTENT OF THE REVISED PROGRAM/BUDGET WHICH EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE PRIORITY PROBLEMS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE LDCS IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY. (SEE SEPTTEL). THE INTERVENTION WAS WIDELY WELCOMED PRIVATELY BOTH BY DELS AND SECRETARIAT MEMBERS.

4. TWO OTHER ITEMS OF THE AGENDA WERE OF PARTICULAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTEREST TO THE US: (A) ITEM 5 ON FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF SS-7 AND (B) ITEM 7 ON THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. UNDER THE FIRST ITEM THE SECRETARIAT HAD SUGGESTED A VARIETY OF ACTIVIST MEASURES (E.G. BILATERAL APPROACHES TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MONITORING THEIR ACTIVITIES, ETC.) IN FOLLOW-UP OF VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION IV RES 3362 (S-VII) ON WHICH THE US HAD CONSIDERABLE DOUBTS

(VIENNA 9841 AND POSITION PAPER UNEC D-940/75, REV.). VARIOUS GROUP B DELS BLEW THE WHISTLE ON THESE INTERPRETATIONS AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE PC'S DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM GIVES THE SECRETARIAT NO GROUND FOR ACTION ALONG THESE LINES. WITH THE SECRETARIAT REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A DETAILED REPORT ON FOLLOW-UP OF SS-7 TI IDB-X, SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION BANK, THE CHARACTER AND PROCEDURES OF CONSULTATIONS ON DEPLOYMENT OF INDUSTRY, ETC., WERE LEFT FOR ANOTHER DAY. THE OUTCOME OF PC TREATMENT OF ITEM 7 WAS ALSO IN LINE WITH US VIEWS. NO DECISIONS AS REGARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OR OPERATION OF THE IDF WERE TAKEN AND THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A MORE THOROUGH REPORT ON THE SUBJECT.

5. THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA WAS DISPOSED OF IN RATHER ROUTINE FASHION.

6. INDIAN AMBASSADOR MEHTA AS G-77 CHAIRMAN AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO WIELD A MODERATING INFLUENCE IN THE GROUP. THE ALGERIAN REP (KHERBI), AN OLD UNIDO HAND, WAS OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY AND RESTLESS WITH WHAT HE REGARDED AS LACK OF MEANINGFUL ACTION BY THE PC TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD ON THE LIMA AND SS-7 RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, HIS DUNUNICATIONS TO THIS EFFECT WERE SOMEWHAT AMORPHOUS AND WERE NOT ACCOMPANIED BY CONCRETE ACTION PROPOSALS. HE DEPARTED FOR THE CIEC MEETING WHILE THE CONTACT GROUP WAS WORKING AND HIS SUCCESSOR PLAYED NO SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE SESSION. THE CUBAN DEL AS USUAL WAS ON THE MORE RADICAL WING OF THE G-77. WHAT WAS NOTEWORTHY WAS THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE SPOKESMEN FOR THE G-77 (E.G. INDIA AND THE PHILIPPINES) APPARENTLY FOUND IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NECESSARY TO LISTEN TO AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CUBAN VIEWS DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE CONTACT GROUP. THERE WAS THE USUAL CHINESE POLITICAL SPEECH-MAKING AGAINST THE SUPER-POWERS, WITH VITRIOLIC COMMENTS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SOVIETS. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DURING A DRAFTING GROUP'S DISCUSSION OF THE RESOLUTION ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, THE SOVIET REP WENT ALONG WITH A GROUP B PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE TO "THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" TO "A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" IN LOWER CASE LETTERS. WHEN THE CHINESE REP LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE AS A BETRAYAL OF THE G-77, THE SOVIET REP FELT COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW HIS AGREEMENT AND DEMONSTRATE HIS ORTHODOXY IN THIS RESPECT ALONG WITH CHINESE. THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR

(EROFEEV) TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PRESENTING SOVIET
VIEWS, OFTEN DRAWING ON HIS EXPERIENCES AS A SENIOR
UNESCO OFFICIAL TO MAKE POINTS (E.G., ON AGENCY
RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNDP). HE GAVE EVERY INDICATION
OF BECOMING AN ASTUTE AND EFFECTIVE MEMBER OF UNIDO'S
INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES.STRIBRAVY

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